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Your Excellency,

We want to express our deep appreciation for the time you spent with us during our recent visit to your country. Our discussions were frank and constructive. We are especially gratified to hear that you have just pardoned several prominent individuals who were in opposition to your government.

This pardon is a major step in the right direction. We will be in communication with Secretary State Kerry and we will suggest to him that America should immediately exchange ambassadors between our countries and express that now is the time for us to reestablish full diplomatic ties including the exchange of ambassadors.

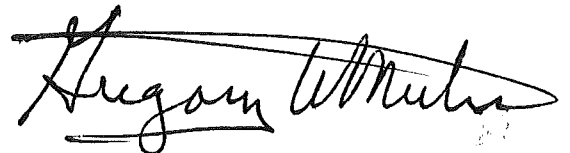
Surely our two countries working together can overcome some of the serious challenges we face. Your positive contribution to the search for peace in Ukraine has been admirable and we applaud you for it.

Again, our visit was of great value to us and we hope to work with you personally in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



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